

Iowa Department of Education  
OWI Advisory Committee  
May 26, 2016  
Des Moines

Present: Deb Sabin, Iowa Valley Community College; Lisa Guest, SIEDA; Joe Quinn, DMACC; Kelli Grunhovd, Prairie Ridge; Pete Aguilar, Iowa Valley Community College; Gail Roeder, Eastern Iowa Community College; Kim Oaks, Southwestern Community College; Steve Allison, Indian Hills Community College; Jill Whitson, DMACC; Lisa Hancock-Muck, Iowa Department of Public Health; Barb Ledvina, Iowa Department of Education; Janine Johnson, Iowa Department of Education.

Attending by phone: Michelle Ellison, PRI; Mary Sloan, Compass Pointe; Brenna Koedam, Seasons Center; Ron Berg, Prelude; Steve Stonehocker, Iowa Department of Transportation

### **Prime for Life**

Michelle Ellison said that Version 9 Spanish workbooks were ready. Anyone can send back their Version 8 books, and Prime for Life will replace them with Version 9 books. As instructors are transitioning into Version 9, Prime for Life is there to help with any problems, questions. Contact Michelle if you have any questions.

Upcoming instructor training will be in Ankeny in November 2016. They are looking at spring 2017 to be in Iowa City, and fall 2017 in Council Bluffs. They have had requests for trainings to be held in Mason City and Davenport.

### **Proposed Rate Increase**

On behalf of the OWI Advisory Committee, Kim Oaks from Southwestern Community College presented a proposal to increase the rate for the 12-hour OWI education course. The rate has been \$85 since January of 2003. The proposal calls for increasing the cost from \$85 to \$140. After discussion by the group, revisions were made to the proposal letter. Additional justification for the request, as well as a request to add an additional \$5 every five years were added. Kim agreed to make the revisions and submit the proposal to Jeremy Varner with the Iowa Department of Education. On behalf of the Division of Community Colleges, Mr. Varner will submit the request to the State Board of Education for review. If the State Board gives their approval, it will be submitted to the Administrative Rules Committee for review. It was noted that this process could take several months. Barb agreed to let everyone know the status of the request as it moves through the process.

### **IDOT**

No problems or issues were brought up. However, it was mentioned that agencies were thankful for getting the Sanctions email ([Sanctions.support@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:Sanctions.support@dot.iowa.gov)) so they can request a customer number if needed. This option has been very helpful.

## **OTHER ISSUES**

A test group has been working for about a year that allows agencies to send in their quarterly class listings via a secure mail system. It is now time to roll it out to all. Barb will be contacting all agencies with this information.

Membership on this committee was originally going to only be for two years, but we are not asking anyone to drop off, if they want to stay on the committee. If any other agencies are interested in joining this advisory group, can let Barb know. We have only been meeting twice a year, rather than the expected quarterly meeting when this committee was first formed in 2011.

We will be meeting again in the fall of 2016, after we hear back from the Administrative Rules Committee.